

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement sheets of drawings include changes to original Figs. 1 through 4, inclusive. The replacement sheets, which now include Figs. 1a through 4, inclusive, replaces such original sheets including Figs. 1-4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets – FIGS. 1a-4.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested.

1. Discussion of Claim Amendments

By way of the amendment instructions above, the original pending claims have been revised so as to emphasize that the localized pressure in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention is applied onto an end of a rib or boss which extends outwardly from the secondary resin molding product. Support for such an amendment exists throughout the original specification, including original Figs. 1-3 and the textual description thereof.

Claims 2-4 have been canceled as redundant. Therefore, following entry of this amendment claims 1 and 5-8 will remain pending in this application for which favorable reconsideration and allowance is solicited.

It is noted that claims 7-8 stand withdrawn from consideration. Such claims have also been amended above in the interests of clarification and possible rejoinder.

2. Response to Drawing Objections

The Examiner asserts that the originally claimed projections were omitted from the drawings as originally filed. In this regard, it will be noted from the specification that the "projections" according to certain embodiments disclosed were in fact the ribs or bosses that extended outwardly from the secondary resin molding product. Thus, in order to clarify this aspect, the structures in the original drawings have been clarified by separate reference numerals in the replacement sheets of drawings submitted herewith. Corresponding clarifications have also been made to the specification via the Substitute Specification that is also submitted herewith.

Care has been taken to ensure that no "new matter" within the purview of 35 USC §132 has been introduced into the replacement drawing sheets and/or the Substitute Specification. The Examiner's independent confirmation of the same will however be greatly appreciated.

Withdrawal of the objection to the drawing advanced under 37 CFR §1.83(a) is therefore in order.

3. Response to Art-Based Rejections

The only issue to be resolved in this application is the rejection of prior claims 3-4 under 35 USC §103(a) based on JP 08118421 ("JP '421").¹ Applicants suggest that JP '421 is inappropriate as a reference against the amended claims presented herewith.

Specifically, applicants note that the JP '421 reference merely discloses generally the concept of forming a composite injection molded article by injecting a secondary resin into a mold cavity in which a primary resin molding is positioned so as to form a secondary resin molding and adhere it to the primary resin molding. However, there is no suggestion or disclosure in JP '421 of ***applying a localized pressure onto an end of a rib or boss of the secondary resin molding*** so as to improve the adhesion of the secondary resin molding to the primary resin molding. A complete machine translation of JP '421 is attached for consideration and is noted on an appropriate form PTO/SB08a for the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the above, applicants suggest that all pending claims are patentably *unobvious* over the applied JP '421 publication. Withdrawal of the rejection advanced under 35 USC §103(a) based thereon is therefore in order.

¹ The incorporation of the subject matter of claims 3-4 essentially into the amended version of claim 1 presented herewith is believed to render moot the rejection advanced under 35 USC §102(b) based on JP '421.

4. Fee Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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